CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A recording and/or reproducing apparatus to record and/or reproduce data to and/or from a recording medium, with the recording medium having a spare area for defect management, the apparatus comprising:

a pickup unit to read an information area of the recording medium, the information area having start position information for each zone, including a start logical sector number;

a controller to control access of the data based only upon the read start position information; and

a processor to reproduce the accessed data.

2. A recording and/or reproducing apparatus to record and/or reproduce data to and/or from a recording medium, with the recording medium having a spare area for defect management, the apparatus comprising:

a pickup unit to read an information area of the recording medium, the information area having start position information for each zone, including a start logical sector number, with the information area being stored in a disc definition structure area of a defect management area; and

a controller to control access of the data based only upon the read start position information; and

a processor to reproduce the accessed data.